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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—37) Pages S1301–02

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 9, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1330.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded hearings on issues relating to the National Rural Development Partnership and the State Rural Development Councils, focusing on the lack of consistency in funding and the lack of legislative foundation providing policy guidance and direction, after receiving testimony from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; Eugene A. Conti, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy; Claude E. Fox, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Chuck Fluharty, Rural Policy Research Institute, Columbia, Missouri; Mayor Bill Graham, Scottsburg, Indiana, on behalf of the Indiana Rural Development Council and National Rural Development Partnership; Tom Hudson, Tom Hudson Company, Moscow, Idaho, on behalf of the Idaho Rural Partnership; Cornelius P. Grant, North Dakota Rural Development Council, Bismarck; David E. Black, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Harrisburg; and Colleen Landkamer, Blue Earth Board of Commissioners, Mankato, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Counties.

APPROPRIATIONS—DOD MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on certain medical programs, after receiving testimony from Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William J. Lynn III, Under Secretary (Comptroller), both of the Department of Defense; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations and Chair, Defense Medical Oversight Committee; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Army Surgeon General and Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command;

Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, USN, Medical Corps, Navy Surgeon General and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, Jr., USAF, Air Force Surgeon General; Col. Deborah Gustke, USA, Assistant Chief, Army Nurse Corps; Rear Adm. Karen A. Harmeyer, USN, Deputy Director, Navy Nurse Corps, Reserve Component, and Director, Naval Reserve Medical Program 32; and Brig. Gen. Barbara C. Brannon, USAF, Director of Medical Readiness and Nursing Services, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Army transformation, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on national security space programs, policies, and operations, after receiving testimony from Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command/United States Space Command; and Keith R. Hall, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space, and Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2097, to authorize loan guarantees in order to facilitate access to local television broadcast signals in unserved and underserved areas, with an amendment;

S. 1452, to modernize the requirements under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards of 1974 and to establish a balanced consensus process for the development, revision, and interpretation of Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Jay Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury.

INTERNET SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings to examine recent hacker attacks on popular

websites, and examine the coordination of federal and industry efforts to heighten Internet security, after receiving testimony from Eric Holder, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, Michael A. Vatis, Director, National Infrastructure Protection Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; William Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration; and Michael Fuhrman, Cisco Systems, Inc., San Jose, California; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, Seattle, Washington; and Raj Reddy, Carnegie Mellon University Herbert A. Simon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

FUEL PRICES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine energy supply and demand issues relating to crude oil, heating oil, and transportation fuels in light of recent price escalations, after receiving testimony from Senators Collins, Snowe, Schumer, and Jeffords.

NATIONAL PARKS/PRESERVATION/RECREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 1705, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho, S. 972, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to improve the administration of the Lamprey River in the State of New Hampshire, S. 1727, to authorize for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest, S. 1849, to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1910, to amend the Act establishing Women's Rights National Historical Park to permit the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title in fee simple to the Hunt House located in Waterloo, New York, and H.R. 1615, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to extend the designation of a portion of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as a recreational river to include an additional river segment, after receiving testimony from Senators Biden, and Moynihan; Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Paul W. Edmondson, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.; Thomas E. Chavez, Palace of the Governors, and Frank V. Ortiz, both of Museum of New Mexico, and Sante Fe; Sam Davidson, Access Fund, Boulder Colorado; Thomas B.

Williams, Conservation Fund, Arlington, Virginia; and Edward J. O'Donnell, Newark, Delaware, on behalf of the White Clay Watershed Association.

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine penalty and interest provisions in the Internal Revenue Code, and certain recommendations to simplify penalty administration and reduce taxpayer burden, receiving testimony from Jonathan Talisman, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Lindy Paull, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Peter L. Faber, McDermott, Will and Emery, New York, New York; and Kenneth J. Kies, Washington National Tax Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 87, commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the International Visitors Program;

S. Res. 263, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should communicate to the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ("OPEC") cartel and non-OPEC countries that participate in the cartel of crude oil producing countries, before the meeting of the OPEC nations in March 2000, the position of the United States in favor of increasing world crude oil supplies so as to achieve stable crude oil prices, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 87, commending the Holy See for making significant contributions to international peace and human rights, and objecting to efforts to expel the Holy See from the United Nations by removing the Holy See's Permanent Observer status in the United Nations;

An original executive resolution directing the return of certain treaties to the President; and

The nominations of N. Cinnamon Dornsife, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, Alan Phillip Larson, of Iowa, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund, United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank, and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Department of State, Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, and a Foreign Service Officer Promotion list received in the Senate on May 11, 1999.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for foreign assistance, after receiving testimony from Patrick F. Kennedy, Assistant Secretary of State for Administration; and Benjamin Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee continued markup of S. 2, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Danny Lee McDonald, of Oklahoma, and Bradley A. Smith, of Ohio, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the aforementioned nominations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. McDonald was introduced by Senator Nickles and Mr. Smith was introduced by Senator Voinovich.

HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Health Care Improvement Act, to implement Federal responsibility for the care and education of Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal Indian health programs and encouraging maximum participation of Indians in such programs, after receiving testimony from Michael H. Trujillo, Assistant Surgeon General and Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Richard Narcia, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona; Rachel A. Joseph, Lone Pine, California, on behalf of the National Steering Committee on the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act; H. Sally Smith, National Indian Health Board, and Kay Culbertson, National Council of Urban Indian Health, both of Denver, Colorado; and Tex G. Hall, Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold, North Dakota, on behalf of the Aberdeen Area of the Great Plains Regional Tribal Chairman's Association.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 3850–3867; 3 private bills, H.R. 3868–3870; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 267–271 and H. Res. 431, 434–436, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 106–513);

H. Res. 432, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications (H. Rept. 106–514);

H. Res. 433, providing for consideration of H.R. 1695, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to

Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility (H. Rept. 106–515); and

H. Res. 434, providing for consideration of H.R. 3081, to increase the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for small businesses and providing for consideration of H.R. 3846, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage (H. Rept. 106–516).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Frank Richardson of Baltimore, Maryland.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12:34 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2:02 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: